3.	Tuticorin TPP—Stage IV (M/s SPIC Electric Power Corpn. Ltd.) State : T.N.	525	US$ 321.86 million + DEM 145.89 million + Rs. 877.33 Crs.
4.	Narasinghpur Naph tha Based CCGT Plant (M/s GBL Power Limited) State: M.P.	166	US$ 77.74 million + Rs. 253.69 Crs.

(b) and (c) The Power Ministry has initiated inter-ministerial consultations to ensure increased capacity addition during the Ninth Plan. It is also proposed to monitor the progress of all Ninth Plan projects, co-ordinate the functioning of different agencies and facilitiate the necessary clearances and inputs on a continuing basis. Government has also adopted a Common Minimum National Action Plan with would *inter-alia* facilitate price and institutional reforms that would help speedy implementation of projects.

Power Tariffs

1342. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the MINISTER OF POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present domestic, commercial, agricultural and industrial tariff charged by SEBs and licensees; and

(b) the likely tariff (including T&D charges) of IPPs which have been cleared so far after financial closure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Statement showing the tariff charged for domestic, commercial, agricultural and industrial tariff by State Electricity Boards. Licensees and Electricity Departments as on 31.3.1997 is enclosed at Annexure. *[See Appendix* 181, *Annexure No.* 36]

(b) The tariff of a generating company shall be fixed in accordance with the Government of India tariff notification dated 30.3.1992 (as amended). The tariff of a power station is dependent upon its completed cost, technology, funding pattern, interest rates, type, price and source of fuel, taxes & duties on fuel and equipment, year of completion. electricity pricing laws and regulations etc. No financial package of any IPP has been received/approved by Central Electricity Authority, so far.

Impact of Cost Factors on Setting up of a National Power Grid

1343. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news report appearing in the Business Standard dated 14th July, 1997 under the caption "National grid plan hinges on cost of link between north, east";

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government to the observations made therein and facts of the matter;

(c) the details of progress achieved in establishment of National Power Grid so far; and

(d) the details of plan of action for 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government has planned an HVDC link between Rihand and Bihartariff to be constructed by POWERGRID with a 500 MW back to